

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method of managing a project, comprising steps of:
providing a set of templates, each of the templates corresponding to respective tasks of the project to be performed;
inputting a plurality of priorities for the project;
performing steps of the project in accordance with the templates; and
~~recording information specified in the templates; and~~
automatically and periodically evaluating the progress of the project, using the input priorities.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein substantially all of the project is performed using the templates.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the project includes a step of implementing an information technology project within an organization.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein
the performing step includes a step of designing a product; and

one or more of the templates is populated with design information, in advance of performing the designing step.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing a set of templates comprises a step of providing templates pre-populated with information for use in the project.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the templates includes information specifying a confidence factor for a respective activity for the template.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method of implementing a project, comprising steps of:

generating a set of electronic templates, each template corresponding to a respective task for the project;

retrieving respective templates in conjunction with performance of the respective tasks;

using the templates to manage the project;

recording information in the templates during the project; and

automatically adjusting a set of default templates in response to the recorded information.

11.-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the generating step comprises a step of: providing question-and-answer prompts to assist in completing one or more tasks.

15. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the using step comprises a step of: automatically suggesting content for one or more deliverables identified in at least one of the templates.

16. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the generating step comprises a step of:

assigning a confidence factor to each of a plurality of the tasks.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the using step comprises a step of: modifying one of the confidence factors during performance of its respective task.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising a step of: determining an aggregated confidence factor, based on confidence factors of a plurality of the tasks.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the using step comprises steps of: retrieving information for a group of the tasks; and identifying areas of risk for the project, based on the retrieved information.

20. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the generating step comprises a step of: identifying proof points for a plurality of the tasks.

21. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the generating step comprises a step of: assigning dependency links among the tasks.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the using step comprises a step of: automatically updating templates based on changes to information in tasks that are identified in the dependency links.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the dependency link identifies a successor task.

24. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the dependency link identifies a predecessor task.

25. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the generating step comprises a step of:

identifying success factors for each of a plurality of the tasks.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising a step of evaluating the success factors for each of a plurality of the tasks.

27. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising a step of automatically evaluating a success factor for a task, in response to submission of a template corresponding to the task.

28. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the using step comprises a step of: electronically recording feedback information for future projects.

29. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the generating step comprises a step of: linking feedback information to one or more of the templates.

30. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the generating step comprises a step of: linking respective reference material to each of a plurality of the templates.

31. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the generating step comprises a step of: assigning a respective automated alert criterion to each of a plurality of the tasks.

32. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein each of the templates has the same format.

33. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented system for managing a project, the system comprising:

~~means for electronically generating templates, each of the generated templates corresponding to one of more project tasks and including information about performance of the respective task or tasks;~~

~~means for specifying dependencies among the templates; and~~

~~means for updating the templates during the project;~~
~~a priorities module to monitor compliance with a set of priorities for the project;~~
~~a feasibility module to monitor whether a project may still be successfully completed;~~
and
a maintenance module to maintain the templates during performance of the project.

34. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:
in response to the evaluating step, automatically determining that a previously completed task needs to be performed again.

35. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:
in response to the evaluating step, altering the input priorities.

36. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein
at least one of the templates includes success factors and an alert condition based on the success factors; and
an evaluating step is performed in response to identification of the alert condition.

37. (New) The method of claim 36, further comprising:
automatically evaluating the success factors in response to submission of a template as being completed.

38. (New) A computer-implemented method of implementing a project, comprising steps of:
generating a set of electronic templates, each template corresponding to a respective task for the project, a plurality of the templates including independently verifiable proof points;
retrieving respective templates in conjunction with performance of the respective tasks;
using the templates to manage the project; and
verifying at least one respective proof point on submission of a template as having been completed.